



**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY I/II (SERIES)**  
**EXAM CODE: 2EQ02-01/02**

Department(s):	Board of Equalization
Opening Date:	February 2, 2012
Final Filing Date:	February 16, 2012
Type of Recruitment:	Departmental Promotional
Salary:	\$ 3020.00 to \$3996.00
Employment Type:	Permanent Full-time Permanent Part-time Permanent Intermittent Limited Term Full-time Limited Term Part-time Limited Term Intermittent
Exam Type:	SPOT Exam Single Selection
Location(s):	Sacramento

## INTRODUCTION

***Your application will not be accepted for this promotional examination unless you are currently a Board of Equalization employee that meets the minimum qualifications or fall under SPB rule 234, 235, Government Code 18990, 18991, and 18992.***

***Note: This examination does not have an "Apply Online" feature.***

## EEO

An equal opportunity employer to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, or sexual orientation.

## DRUG FREE STATEMENT

It is an objective of the state of California to achieve a drug-free state work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the state, the rules governing civil service and the special trust placed in public servants.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

This is a departmental promotional examination for the Board of Equalization.

1. Applicants must have a permanent civil service appointment with the Board of Equalization or meet the provisions of the State Personnel Board Rules 234 or 235 by **February 16, 2012**, the final filing date, in order to take this examination; or
2. Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature for two or more years as defined in Government Code 18990; or

3. Must be a current or former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive branch for two or more consecutive years as defined in Government Code 18992; or
4. Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code 18991.

For applicants under Items 2, 3, or 4, if promotional examinations are given by more than one department for the same classification, the applicant must select one department in which to compete.

## FILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Final Filing Date: February 16, 2012**

State Applications (Form STD. 678) may be mailed to:

**EXAMINATION & RECRUITMENT SECTION  
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
450 N STREET, MIC: 17  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814**

**Do not submit applications to the State Personnel Board.**

Applications (Form STD. 678) submitted by mail, not on-line, must be **POSTMARKED** (e.g., United States Postal Service), or personally delivered no later than the cut-off date.

**Note:**

**Applications postmarked or personally delivered to the Human Resources Division, Room 317, 450 N Street, Sacramento, after the cut-off date will not be accepted for any reason.**

**Do not send your application via interoffice or interagency mail. Applications received in this manner will not be accepted and cannot be returned pursuant to California Code of regulations 174.**

It is the personal responsibility of each examination candidate to submit an examination application within the timeframe and in the manner specified on this examination bulletin.

### **Cross Filing Information for series examinations**

If you meet the entrance requirements for both the **Executive Secretary I** and **Executive Secretary II**, you may file a single application for both classifications. Please indicate each classification title you wish to test for on the application.

### **SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS**

If you are disabled and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Application for Examination." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

### **REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION**

Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to the examination.

## ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental promotional eligible list will be established for the Board of Equalization. The list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on the examination announcement by **February 16, 2012**, the final filing date for this examination. All applications/resumes must include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, and civil service class title (**not working title**). **Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.**

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All applications must meet the entrance requirements for this examination by **February 16, 2012**, the final filing date.

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY I

#### Either I

In the California state service, one year of experience performing secretarial duties at a level of responsibility not less than that of Secretary.

#### Or II

Three years of experience in clerical work at least one year of which shall have been in a responsible secretarial position performing a variety of difficult secretarial work. (Experience in California state service applied toward the special one-year requirement must be in a class with a level of responsibility not less than that of Office Technician.) [Academic education above the twelfth grade may be substituted for one year of the required general experience on the basis of either (a) one year of general education being equivalent to three months of experience; or (b) one year of education of a business or commercial nature being equivalent to six months of experience. Students who are enrolled in the last semester or its equivalent of course work, which upon completion will fulfill these requirements, will be admitted to the examination, but they must submit evidence of completion before they can be considered for appointment.]

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY II

#### Either I

One year of experience in the California state service in a secretarial position performing the duties of an Executive Secretary I.

#### Or II

Two years of experience in the California state service performing secretarial duties at a level of responsibility not less than that of Secretary.

#### Or III

Four years of experience in clerical work at least two years of which shall have been in a responsible secretarial position performing a variety of difficult secretarial work. (Experience in California state service applied toward the special two-year requirement must be in a class with a level of responsibility not less than that of Office Technician.) [Academic education above the twelfth grade may be substituted for one year of the required general experience on the basis of either (a) one year of general education being equivalent to three months of experience; or (b) one year of education of a business or commercial nature being equivalent to six months of experience. Students who are enrolled in the last semester or its equivalent of course work, which upon completion will fulfill these requirements, will be admitted to the examination, but they must submit evidence of completion before they can be considered for appointment.]

## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will consist of a qualifications appraisal interview weighted 100.00%. The interview will include a number of predetermined job-related questions. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70.00% must be attained in the interview. **COMPETITORS WHO DO NOT APPEAR FOR THE INTERVIEW WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

## KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY I EXECUTIVE SECRETARY II

Knowledge of: Modern office methods, supplies, equipment and procedures with particular reference to the work involved in the office of an administrative official; business English and correspondence.

Ability to: Type at a speed of 45 words per minute; read and write English at a level required for successful job performance; direct the work of other support staff; perform difficult clerical work; keep difficult records; make briefs of reports and correspondence and compose letters or reports independently or from instructions, utilizing a wide knowledge of vocabulary, grammar, and spelling; perform minor administrative assignments independently; handle with courtesy and tact a wide variety of public contacts both on the telephone and in person; communicate effectively; understand and carry out directions following a minimum of explanation; analyze situations accurately and take effective action.

## VETERANS PREFERENCE

**Veterans' Preference** credits will not be granted in the examination as it does not meet the requirements to qualify for Veterans' Preference credit.

## CAREER CREDITS

**Career Credits** do not apply and will not be added to the final score of this examination.

## SELECTION PLAN

It is anticipated that interviews will be held during **March/ April 2012.**

## DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

A demonstrated interest in assuming increasing responsibility; mature judgment; loyalty; poise; tact; and discretion.

## ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Education equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade; ability to take dictation at 110 words per minute.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions concerning this examination, please call the California State Board of Equalization, Examination and Recruitment Section at (916) 324-4807. You may also contact the California State Board of Equalization in writing at 450 N Street, MIC 17, Sacramento, CA 95814.

## DISCLAIMER

Please click on the link below to review the official California State Personnel Board class specification:

<http://spb.ca.gov/jobs/resources/jobspecs.htm>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**For an examination with a written feature**, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Board of Equalization three days prior to the written test date if he/she has not received his/her notice of appointment.

**For an examination without a written feature**, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Board of Equalization three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

**If a candidate's notice** of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her 3 days prior to their scheduled appointment due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

**Examination Locations:** When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. However, locations of interviews or performance evaluations may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

**Applications are available** at [www.jobs.ca.gov](http://www.jobs.ca.gov), State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the testing department on this job bulletin.

**If you meet the requirements** stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**The testing department** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**Candidates needing special testing arrangements** due to a disability must mark the appropriate box on the application and/or contact the testing department.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

**If Promotional Examinations Only:** Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment and military veterans that meet all the minimum qualifications. Under certain circumstances, other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2, and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices, at the State Personnel Board office or [www.jobs.ca.gov](http://www.jobs.ca.gov).

**If High School Equivalence is Required:** Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Educational Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

**College Education:** The qualifications meeting the requirement "Equivalent to graduation from college" means satisfaction of the requirements for the bachelor's degree from an accredited, recognized institution of higher education. This means the applicant must show receipt of a bachelor's degree. Acceptable college course work must be from an accredited, recognized institution approved by the California Superintendent of Public Instruction under the provisions of California Education Code Section 94712.

**Veterans' Preference Points:** California Law (Government Code 18971-18978) allows the granting of Veterans' Preference Points in Open entrance and Open, Non-Promotional entrance examinations. Veterans' Preference Points will be added to the final score of all competitors who are successful in these types of examinations, and who qualify for and have requested these points by mail. In Open (only) entrance examinations, Veterans' Preference Points are granted as follows: 10 points for veterans, widows, and widowers of veterans, and spouses of 100% disabled veterans; and 15 points for disabled veterans. In Open, Non-Promotional entrance examinations, Veterans' Preference Points are granted as follows: 5 points for veterans and 10 points for disabled veterans. Employees who have achieved permanent State civil service status are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference Points. Permanent State civil service status means the status of an employee who is lawfully retained in his/her position after completion of the applicable probationary period. This includes permanent intermittent, part-time, and full-time appointments. In addition, individuals who at any time achieved permanent State civil service status and subsequently resigned or were dismissed from State civil service are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference Points. Veteran status is verified by the State Personnel Board (SPB). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference Points are on the Veterans' Preference Application (STD. Form 1093) which is available at [www.spb.ca.gov](http://www.spb.ca.gov) or from the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814 and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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California Relay Telephone Service for the Deaf or Hearing Impaired:  
From TDD phones 1-800-735-2929 or from voice phones 1-800-735-2022